



# PETS FOR PATRIOTS VETERINARIAN PARTNER PROGRAM

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**Pets for Patriots helps United States  
military veterans in your community adopt  
an emotionally healing friend while giving  
those animals most overlooked for  
adoption the loving homes they deserve**

# Why our program works

- **Local impact:** helps veterans and dogs/cats in your community
- Commitment to **surrender prevention:** by offering affordable care, your practice helps veterans reduce surrender and economic euthanasia due to short-term financial hardship
- Focus on adoption/care of the **most overlooked dogs and cats**
- Open to **veterans from WWII to active duty** and from all armed forces



# Turnkey and (mostly) free

Pets for Patriots provides an additional channel for your veterinary practice to express gratitude for veterans in your community in exchange for giving them a modest fee discount (minimum 10%).

- **Focus on health of overlooked pets:** dogs/cats who are adult, special needs, or chronically homeless, and large breed dogs
- **Free print and digital tools** to promote our partnership online, in your clinic, and through local media/community channels
- **Veterans referred to your practice** after they adopt a dog or cat through local shelter/rescue partners





Veterinary partners offer a modest,  
ongoing discount to veterans who adopt  
dogs/cats through Pets for Patriots

**10% minimum required**, more is welcome:  
select discount level when you apply

# Program-eligible pets

These are the types of adopted dogs/cats who will be coming to you for care; must meet at least **ONE** of the following criteria:

- **Dog or cat at least 2 years of age**
- **Dog or cat with special needs** (birth defect, disability or chronic medical condition, **and** requiring lifelong care)
- **Dog or cat homeless for 6 months+** (total continuous homelessness at the shelter and/or any shelter from which pet was transferred; time as a 'stray' does not count)
- **Dog 40+ pounds at time of adoption**





# Pets for love, not work



**Dogs and cats adopted through Pets for Patriots  
are for companionship and emotional support  
only.**

We do not permit pets in our program to be  
trained as service animals - without exception!



# Allowable adoptions

**Veterans can have up to **two** program-eligible pets (dogs or cats) per person/per household - either simultaneously or over time.**

A great way to **help bonded pairs** and other compatible animals find loving homes!





# How it works...easy!

- 1** Veteran applies to Pets for Patriots online or by phone, provides required documentation
- 2** Once approved, veteran visits local shelter/rescue partner to adopt a pet
- 3** Shelter/rescue promptly sends Pets for Patriots signed adoption contract, photo of veteran and pet
- 4** Pets for Patriots post-adoption benefits, and follow up for a year!

**5 Veteran visits your practice for ongoing quality, affordable pet care!**



**Please ask for a veteran's Pets for Patriots  
veterinary letter at the first appointment**

**This letter confirms the veteran adopted a  
pet – or two! – through our program**



**QUESTIONS? WE'VE GOT ANSWERS!**

Read some of our most-asked  
questions...





# Q: Does our discount apply to other pets veterans may have?

It is **solely your discretion** to extend the discount to a veteran's other personal pets. Many of our veterinary partners do because it's easier for billing purposes - and good business, too.

We allow veterans in our program to have up to two program-eligible pets per person/per household at any given time, so the discount at minimum must be extended to veterans' Pets for Patriots' dog(s)/cat(s).





# Q: Can a veteran adopt more than one pet and bring to us for care?

Yes! Pets for Patriots members may have up to two program-eligible pets at any time. **For both to receive full benefits, including reduced-cost veterinary care, both pets must have a veterinary letter from us.**

The veteran may adopt both pets simultaneously (bonded pairs or other similarly compatible animals) or over time. Our veterinary partners are required to extend their agreed-upon discount to both Pets for Patriots dogs/cats.



# Q: Can we ask for military ID or discharge papers?

No. We are experienced at reviewing a wide range of documentation relating to a veteran's status, branch of service, etc., and have specific information we seek during such reviews.

Pets for Patriots approves applicants after we have verified their credentials to the best of our ability. Further, those documents contain confidential and highly sensitive information.

You may ask for other ID that is part of your customary client onboarding process, e.g., driver's license, rental agreement, utility bill, etc.



A black and white dog, possibly a Border Collie, is sitting on a sandy beach. The dog has its mouth open and its tongue hanging out, looking happy. It is positioned next to a large beach ball that is partially visible in the foreground. The background is a soft-focus view of the ocean and sky.

**FETCH!  
LET'S GET STARTED**

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